

CITY OF CARLISLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 31, 2005
5:00 P.M.
Carlisle City Hall Council Chamber

Officials present: Mayor Ruth Randleman, Councilmembers Drew Merrifield, Allen Wiese, Pat Stump, Blair Dewey and Frank Shultz, City Administrator Neil Ruddy and Deputy Clerk Pat Brehse. Also present was Fire Chief Scott Burger. Mayor Randleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

The City Administrator explained that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the WORKSHOP ON THE 2005-06 BUDGET. Councilmember Shultz stated that the valuations on the Department of Management website do not match the valuations in the budget. It was explained that there are two valuations, one that includes gas and electric utility valuations and that is used for computing property tax rates and one that excludes gas and electric utility valuations and that is used for computing property tax dollars. There are also separate valuations for computing debt service that include tax increment valuation and a separate valuation for ag land. The valuations for Carlisle are \$84,546,299 for the regular levy for operations and \$85,280,999 for the debt service levy.

Consensus was reached on the following General Fund expense reductions:

<u>Line item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reduce Police wages from \$233,777 to \$226,476 by delaying implementation of any promotions for at least 6 months until 1-1-06	- 7,301
Eliminate Police increase for training (reduce from \$10,000 to \$4,000)	- 4,000
Eliminate Police office equipment	- 1,697
Eliminate Police vehicle	-28,000
Eliminate Park wages for wading pool (reduce from \$53,000 to \$49,000)	- 4,000
Eliminate Park operation and maintenance for wading pool (reduce from \$4,000 to \$3,000)	- 1,000
Reduce Park improvements from \$5,000 to \$2,500	- 2,500
Eliminate Rec Center contract work	- 2,000
Eliminate Rec Center increase for repair and maintenance (reduce from \$4,000 to \$2,000)	- 2,000
Eliminate Fire vehicle	- 7,712
Reduce Fire vehicle repair and maintenance from \$3,500 TO \$1,500	- 2,000
Reduce general insurance increase from 15% to 12% (8 activities)	- 2,596
Reduce group insurance increase from 15% to 12% (3 activities)	- <u>1,682</u>
Subtotal of General Fund expenditure reductions	-66,488

Consensus was reached on the following General Fund expense increase:

<u>Line item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Increase Mayor travel and conference from \$445 to \$1,320 for 50% of the cost of the 2005 DC lobbying trip	+ 875

The possible franchise fee on gas utility revenues, the need for additional salary increases in the Police and Library activities, the need for the City to contribute \$7,868 to the Warren County Economic Development Corporation, the need for an audit of police operations at an estimated cost of \$4,950 and the need for a new command vehicle in the Fire Department were discussed.

It was the consensus of the group to approve \$66,488 in General Fund reductions and \$875 in a General Fund increase for total General Fund expenditures of \$1,306,207 and to approve General Fund revenues of \$1,279,270 with the general tax rate for operations to remain the same for the fourth consecutive year and with no increase in utility franchise fees, leaving a deficit of \$26,937. Department heads were directed to reduce each of their activity budgets by an amount equal to the percentage of the deficit or approximately 2% so that a balanced budget can be considered at the February 7, 2005 Special Council meeting. The possibility of paying for vehicles and other one-time expenditures by using expendable fund balance was discussed.

Motion by Dewey to ADJOURN AT 8:04 P.M. Seconded by Merrifield. Roll call vote: Dewey – Aye, Merrifield – Aye, Wiese – Aye, Stump – Aye, Shultz – Aye. Motion carried.

Ruth Randleman, Mayor

Attest:

Neil Ruddy, Administrator/Clerk